

Remarks/Response To Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8-19, 26, and 27 have been withdrawn. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of withdrawn claim 8. No new matter has been added.

In a restriction requirement dated October 19, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I - Claims 1-7 and 20-27, allegedly drawn to "A permselective asymmetric hollow fiber membrane."

Group II - Claims 8-19, allegedly drawn to "A process for preparing a membrane."

At the outset, Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for conducting the telephonic interview on October 29, 2007, during which the Examiner agreed that claims 26 and 27 had been inadvertently listed in Group I. The Examiner agreed that because claims 26 and 27 are drawn to "a process for preparing a membrane," these claims should be included in Group II instead. Therefore, Group I contains claims 1-7 and 20-25 while Group II contains claims 8-19, 26, and 27.


Accordingly, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7 and 20-25, allegedly drawn to "A permselective asymmetric hollow fiber membrane."

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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